(*e*) Tahsildar late Mr. K. K. Gopalakrishna Aiyar.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) The complaints were verified and action was taken on their merits.

(*i*) Yes.

(*j*) As the Tahsildar Mr. Gopalakrishna Aiyar who submitted the report is dead, it is not possible to answer this question now.

Appointment of acting hands in the Revenue Department in the undergraduate scale.

322. **MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR** (*Ambalapuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any definite method in appointing acting hands in the Revenue Department in the undergraduate scale ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There is no undergraduate scale now. The distinction between graduate and undergraduate scales has been abolished by G. O. Dis. No. 431/21/P. W., dated 26-4-1926, under which both graduates and non-graduaies ha ve to start on the lowest grade, at least one-third of the vacancies in the lowest grade being reserved for non-graduates. The claims of all communities consistent with efficiency and qualification are kept in view in making appointments.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*) : May I know how the seniority among acting hands is determined ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : By the date of first appointment.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*) : For instance, may I know, as between a person who was first appointed in a short acting vacancy of 30 days on the 1st Chingom 1107 and another who was first appointed in another short vacancy of 40 days on the 10th of Chingam 1107, who would be senior ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : That is a hypothetical question. The person who was appointed on the 1st of Chingom would, I think, be the senior.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*) : Is it the date of first appointment or the length of acting period that determines seniority ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The date of first appointment ordinarily determines the seniority.

Irregularities detected in the various pakuthies of the Quilon taluk.

323. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of defalcations or other irregularities found out in the various pakuthies of the Quilon taluk in 1106 and 1107 ;

(*b*) the names of persons who were punished on account of it together with—

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[Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai.]

(i) the charges against them ; and

(ii) the punishments meted out;

(*c*) the name of the officer in charge of the Division who meted out the punishments ; and

(*d*) the date of his retirement ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Nine cases of defalcations were detected.

(*b*) (1) Govinda Pillai, Provertikar, East Kallaad pakuthi.

(2) K. G. Kesavan Nayar, Accountant, Do.

(3) G. Janardanan, Ag. Accountant, Do.

(4) P. R. Krishna Pillai, Provertikar, Trikkovilvattam pakuthi.

(5) Sankara Pillai, Provertikar, Kottankara pakuthi.

(6) P. Nilakanta Pillai, Provertikar, Quilon pakuthi.

(7) T. K. Kesava Pillai, Accountant, Do.

(8) P. Nilakanta Pillai, Provertikar, Paravur pakuthi.

(i) Misappropriation of Sirkar money. A statement* showing the charges against them is laid on the table.

(ii) (1) Govinda Pillai : Suspended for one year.

(2) K. G. Kesavan Nayar : Dismissed from service.

(3) G. Janardanan : Discharged from service.

(4) P. R. Krishna Pillai : Degraded as Accountant.

(5) Sankara Pillai : Suspended for 3 months.

(6) P. Nilakanta Pillai : Suspended for one year and retired from service with a reduction of Rs. 2 in his pension.

(7) T. K. Kesava Pillai : Suspended for 1 year.

(8) P. Nilakanta Pillai : Suspended from 6-1-1107 to 22-8-1107, and compulsorily retired from service.

(*c*) Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.

(*d*) 14-10-1107.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Have the Government noted the disparity in the punishments awarded and the charges of defalcation and other offences made against the persons punished by the Peishkar, detailed in Appendices.

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : It is only just now that the matter is coming up before the Government.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Will the Government look into the statements they have furnished, and, if there is any disparity, enquire into the matter ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The officers punished have got the right of appeal, and some of them may possibly go on appeal to the Land Revenue Commissioner who has got the power to revise the punishments awarded.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I point out that those who have been lucky enough to get a light punishment will, naturally, not go on appeal ?

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MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Land Revenue Commissioner can call for the papers and dispose of them.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): He can do so only if his attention is drawn to the statements furnished.

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The statements have now been published and so the Land Revenue Commissioner will, of course, do the needful.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether Government will see their way to enquire into the matter in case there is any disparity in the punishments awarded?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Land Revenue Commissioner will do the needful.

Grant of agricultural loans in the Quilon taluk.

324. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the aggregate amount sanctioned as agricultural loans for the Quilon taluk in 1107;

(*b*) the number of applications for agricultural loans in the Quilon taluk from Karkatakam 1106 to Mithunam 1107;

(*c*) the number of applications pending in 1106;

(*d*) the number of applications sanctioned;

(*e*) the number of applications rejected;

(*f*) whether the Land Revenue Commissioner has enquired into the question of the distribution of agricultural loans in the Quilon taluk; and

(*g*) whether he has received any petition regarding the difficulty of getting loans?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The aggregate amount of agricultural loans sanctioned to the Quilon taluk for 1107 is Rs. 9,550.

(*b*) The number of applications for agricultural loans for the Quilon taluk from Karkatakam 1106 to Mithunam 1107 is 56.

(*c*) The number of applications pending at the end of 1107 was 21.

(*d*) The number of applications sanctioned in 1107 was 12 and the amount sanctioned up to the end of Mithunam 1107 is Rs. 3,662-8-0

(*e*) The number of applications rejected in 1107 was 37.

(*f*) No, as no occasion arose for his doing so.

(*g*) No.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I remind the member of the answer the Government gave during the last sitting of the Council, for an interpellation regarding the distribution of agricultural loans in East Kallada, to the effect that they would enquire into the matter?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There was another interpellation recently also about the difficulty experienced by the people of the Quilon taluk in obtaining agricultural loans. Government have called for a report from the Land Revenue Commissioner,

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